

REMARKS AND ARGUMENTS:

The second claim initially numbered "16" has been re-numbered to read as "17", and the numbers of all subsequent claims have been amended accordingly. The claims are now in proper numbering sequence.

Claims 21 – 58 stand withdrawn.

Claims 1 – 58 are in the case.

No new matter has been added.

Election of invention:

The Applicant elects the claims of Group I (claims 1 – 20) for initial prosecution.

Election of species:

Pursuant to the election of the Group I claims, the Applicant also elects the following species for initial search and examination:

Arylamine = aniline

Aldehyde = formaldehyde

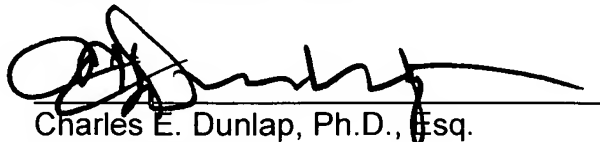
Flocculant and/or coagulant = cationic organic polymer, such as a cationic acrylamide copolymer.

Request for consideration:

It is respectfully requested that the claims be examined in view of the amendments discussed above and found to be allowable. If it would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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